

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2022

1. PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit, 2022

PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit, 2022 was organized by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on 11th and 12th November, 2022 at Varanasi. In this event, inauguration of 7 nos. community jetties and foundation stone laying of 8 nos. community jetties in NW-1 (River Ganga) at Ravidas Ghat, Varanasi was done in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and other Central & State Ministers.

2. Port Performance

The traffic handled at Major Ports during the period "April to November" has increased by 8.78% in the current financial year (FY 2022-23) as compared to the same period last year. It has gone up from 466.19 million tonnes last year to 507.12 million tonnes this year.

3. Container handling

In terms of container traffic, 39,29,735 TEUs were handled at JNPA during April to November, 2022 which is 7.59% higher as against 36,52,474 TEUs handled in April to November, 2021. During April to November, 2022, JNPA handled 4,352 container rakes and 674,243 TEUs as compared to 4,133 rakes and 651,654 TEUs during corresponding period in previous financial year.

4. Sewage treatment plant MoU

An MoU was signed on 28.11.22 amongst Haldia Dock Complex (HDC), Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) Kolkata, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd & Haldia Refinery for construction, commissioning & operation of a Sewage Treatment Plant of 4.0 MLD capacity at Haldia at an estimated capital cost of Rs 17.53 crores with IOCL contributing Rs 8.45 crores. The project will be executed in EPC mode with expected completion period of 18 months from award.

5. Start-up program in Maritime sector – MOU between CSL and IIT (Madras)

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) signed an agreement on 06.11.2022 to support start-ups in the maritime sector. IIT Madras will act as one of the implementation partners of this initiative and will provide incubation, mentorship, training to start-ups selected under this program. This is part of the start-up engagement program 'USHUS', launched by CSL to augment the Government of India's initiatives to encourage and develop an ecosystem in India for supporting Maritime Start-ups from the technical, regulatory, financial, and marketing points of view by bringing the stakeholders together. This program is expected to provide a platform for young and talented entrepreneurs to develop products/services in the marine space with financial support provided by CSL. Under this initiative, start-ups can get upto Rs.50 lakhs as seed grants, Rs.1 crore as prototyping grants and equity funding for start-ups at the scale up stage.

6. India-Norway Joint Working Group (Maritime) meeting

The 8th Norway-India Joint Working Group (Maritime) meeting was held on 17th November, 2022 in Mumbai. Discussions were held on the Norway-India cooperation on green maritime future. Both governments presented their visions and plans for a green maritime sector. India-Norway as part of Green Voyage 2050 project agreed on willingness, devotion, partnership and capacity building for achieving common goals.

7. MoUs between IWAI and CSL for Green Vessels

Following Memorandum of Understandings were signed on 11.11.2022 between Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) :-

- i. For building country's first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Catamaran Passenger Vessel (100 PAX) for Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ii. For design, construction and supply of two Hybrid Electric Catamaran Passenger Vessels (50 PAX each) for deployment on NW-1 and NW-2 in Uttar Pradesh and Assam respectively.

8. Inland Waterways cruise update

Following cruise vessels completed commercial trips from Kolkata to Murshidabad, West Bengal:-

- i. Cruise vessel Ganges Voyager-I of M/s. Heritage River Journeys Pvt. Ltd. completed 3 round trip and presently on her way for the fourth round trip.
- ii. Cruise vessel Ganges Voyager-II of M/s. Heritage River Journeys Pvt. Ltd. completed 4 round trip and presently on her way for the fifth-round trip.
- iii. Cruise vessel RV Katha Pandav of M/s. Indus River Cruises Pvt. Ltd. completed one commercial trip.
- iv. Cruise vessel RV Kalaw Pandav of M/s. Indus River Cruises Pvt. Ltd. completed two commercial trip.